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GOVERNOR APPOINTS THOMPSON TO COMMISSION

Marie E. Thompson of Billings was recently appointed by the governor to the State Library Commission.

Thompson, currently speech and debate coach at Skyview High School in Billings, has a diverse background in education and in government. From 1963-66, she taught English in Billings public schools. She served on the Billings City Council from 1973-83, and is now serving on the Board of the South Central Library Federation and Yellowstone City-County Library Board.

Thompson said she is interested in all facets of library service. She sees a primary need to make certain Montana's libraries keep up with technological innovations in the face of limited funding.

I.L.L. FEE POLICY DEFERRED BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

Montana universities will continue the policy of not charging interlibrary loan fees to libraries in Montana for at least the next few months. Montana State Library will continue to reimburse the universities for expenses incurred filling requests for Montana Libraries.

The State Library Commission considers this a foremost issue. In a letter last year from the Montana Library Association to the commission, concern was expressed that the imposition of fees by universities would cause "the creation of an information elite at the college campuses and an information-poor throughout the rest of Montana."

A study of interlibrary loans in Montana will be undertaken. The objective of the study will be to get a statistical overview of ILL in Montana.

The State Librarian is soliciting volunteers for a committee to assist with the study. The committee will include one public library representative from a large (20,000 or more) and one representative from a small (20,000 or less) community.

Also included will

be the following: one director of an academic library, one person from an academic library interlibrary loan department, one school librarian, one special librarian, one liaison from the Advisory Council and resource persons from the State Library and the Commissioner of Higher Education's office. The State Library recommends a nine-month study beginning November 1, 1987 and ending with a written report submitted by March 31, 1988.

Please submit letters indicating interest in serving on the committee to Sara Parker, State Librarian, Montana State Library, 1010 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620.

ADVISORY COUNCIL SEEKS IDEAS ON 1989 LSCA GRANTS

The Montana Library Services Advisory Council will meet this fall to discuss ideas for use of LSCA grant funds. All libraries and interested parties are invited to submit to the council their ideas on how the funds should best be appropriated. The following criteria must be met: 1. LSCA grants must be used for the purposes

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TIENSVOLD RECEIVES AWARD FROM M.A.B.

Jarleen Tienstvold, program manager for the Montana State Library for the blind and Physically Handicapped, recently received the Montana Association for the blind's Dorothy Bridgeman Award. The award, presented at the Association's yearly banquet, is given "in appreciation and recognition for outstanding and dedicated service to the blind in Montana."

Dorothy Bridgeman was one of Montana's pioneers in service to the blind in Montana. She worked as a teacher of the blind in the early days of the Montana Association of the blind in the 1940's and 50's.

Tienstvold was awarded a plaque and special gift, a ceramic platter by one of her favorite Montana potters, Ivan Yang. The Dorothy Bridgeman Award is only given when the M.A.B. feels there is a very deserving Montanan.

ALA ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN

The American Library Association will launch a major library card campaign this fall. The campaign is in response to a challenge by secretary of education, William J. Bennett who said, "Let's have a national campaign... Every child should have a library card and should use it."

The theme, The Best Gift You'll ever Give Your Child...A Library Card, is featured on posters and book marks and in public service ads for print, radio and tv, available from the ALA, 50 East Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.

STAFF CHANGES AT STATE LIBRARY - Jarleen Tienstvold, left, joined the library development staff at the State Library, Helena, a subject, specialist, early on in her career. She has been with Tienstvold as program manager for the blind and physically handicapped. Tienstvold is expected to return to library.

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY CONFERENCE IN BISMARCK

During the 1980's, "creative thinking" in the library, and creative efforts to meet the needs of the community, will be the focus of the Mountain Plains Library Conference in Bismarck, ND. The conference, the center of the state and regional library, will be held at the Bismarck Convention Center, 1000 W. 10th St., on Friday, September 14, 1980. The conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature a variety of sessions, including a keynote address by the state librarian, Jarleen Tienstvold, and a presentation by the state librarian, Jarleen Tienstvold, and a presentation by the state librarian, Jarleen Tienstvold.

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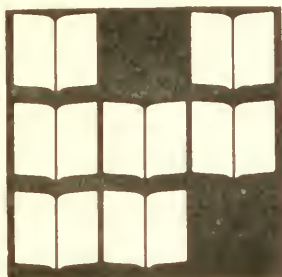
The Montana Library Association is sponsoring a series of workshops for an informal workshop at next summer's conference. The workshops will feature a variety of topics, including a keynote address by the state librarian, Jarleen Tienstvold, and a presentation by the state librarian, Jarleen Tienstvold.

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LIBRARY LAW REVISION UNDERWAY

Drafting of revisions of the Montana State Library laws is underway. The law revision committee, chaired by Sara Parker, State Librarian, is focusing on three major areas. The spotlighted issues are those brought to the attention of the committee at meetings throughout the state. These areas include a look at the scope of authority of the Montana State Library Commission, a survey of public library laws and an examination of library systems and federations laws.

The committee will specifically address the following: the Montana State Library Commission's authority to contract for services to Montana's public libraries, the limit of power of county commissioners in setting public library wages, salaries and budgets, and the question of inclusion of academic, school and special libraries in federations.

The revision committee welcomes input from Montana libraries on these issues. A first draft of the revisions by fall and a final draft for the 1988 MLA conference are the committee's goals.

CULTURAL CONGRESS SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The Cultural Congress in Billings, September 12-14, promises to be an exciting opportunity for Montana's library community to join other artists, writers and educators in a celebration of Montana's cultural renaissance. Congressman Pat Williams will be among those speaking about the need to preserve Montana's unique cultural fiber. Writer Ivan Ouli will deliver a keynote speech, "Browning, Conrad and Other World Centers." The congress will also feature discussion groups

and technical workshops on a variety of topics. Megan Hite, Montana State Library, has invited Ted Schmit, director of the Missoula Public Library, and Carl Hendricks from Blackfeet Community College in Browning. The three will host a working session on literacy.

The conference will enable Montanans to tell congress sponsors who are the Montana State Library, the Montana Committee for the Humanities and the Montana Arts Council, where resources should be directed in economic hard times.

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MONTANA CODES UNDER DISCUSSION

MCA 22-1-101 to 22-1-213
MCA 22-1-301 to 22-1-317 & 7-11-1101 to 7-11-1112
MCA 22-1-401 to 22-1-413

AROUND THE STATE

Leona Jensen retired from her position as Library Director of the Blaine County Library in Chinook. Lee Corr replaces her.

Burlington Northern made a \$5000 grant to the Lewis & Clark Library in Helena. The grant will be used to improve the library's non-fiction collection. Library director, Deborah Schlesinger said the grant has improved the library's ability to gain support from the community and has doubled resources for their "Buy a Book" campaign.

The Bridger Public Library board elected new officers at its annual meeting July 22. Nancy Asbury was elected mayor and Mary Monforton, vice-mayor. Bridger is represented on the state Central Federation Library board with Edie Silloway. Angie Lose is the new board clerk.

Incident plans federated
announced Glasgow City-
county Library has a 1999
list of serials more
current than the one
will start in 2000.



FORWARD TO THE PAST - Library users in Plains, Montana can always find a way to get to the library. (Photo by Don Lee.)

with federation head-
quarters libraries and
with others.

Glasgow said, too, they acquired 40 new titles for their videotape collection. The collection supplements local video rental collections.

Flathead County Library, in Kalispell, received an additional library services and construction Act grant for a literacy project. Georgia Lomax, Library Director, reported the grant will be used to coordinate the efforts of all county groups interested in fighting illiteracy.

Ellen Newberg, American Library Association councilor for Montana, was elected to a two-year term on the ALA Planning and budget Assembly. Newberg was elected at the annual meeting in San Francisco.

The School Media Division retreat dates are set. All school librarians are encouraged to attend. It is not necessary to be a member of MSLA to participate in the retreats. (See calendar insert for dates and locations.)

Mary Hudspeth, chair of the Montana State Library Commission has a new address. It is 265 Rooten Drive, Libby, MT 59923.

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Montana State Library Commission

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2. 在 1990 年 1 月 1 日以前, 已在本国或外国取得博士学位, 具有高级专业技术职务, 从事本学科专业研究工作 10 年以上, 取得过重要成果, 具有培养研究生能力的, 经考核合格, 可破格申报。

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1987 Bear Creek Mission Statement

STATE DOCUMENTS COLLECTION

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The Montana State Library Commission, in order to best serve the people of Montana and to better guide the Montana library community, promulgates this statement of our mission, and our current emphases, as we perceive our duties today. This mission statement builds upon the 1985 Blacktail Statement, recognizing the accomplishment of certain goals and acknowledging some shifts in emphasis.

As a Commission, we feel that free public libraries organized under Montana law must, in order to meet their mandate of open access without user fees for basic library services, be adequately supported from tax revenues. While the Commission recognizes the difficult economic times with reduced funding levels to support library services, we encourage libraries to continue to provide basic library services to their patrons.

We believe that free and open access to information by a literate citizenry is fundamental to the promise held out by our system of representative democracy, and free, publicly-funded libraries are essential in meeting this challenge.

We define the following positions for the future:

1. Library federations serve a vital role in fostering cooperation in Montana and we support their continued efforts consistent with reduced funding levels.
2. Interlibrary loan must increasingly depend on cooperative efforts and innovative ideas from all libraries until state aid is achieved.

3. Equal access to information is a priority for the citizens of Montana. We believe that the most cost-effective and efficient manner of providing reference service will be through the Montana State Library.
4. We reaffirm the efforts to modernize and make federation and public libraries more effective and will hold public hearings with the aim of proposing significant changes in Montana library laws to the 1989 Legislature.
5. The Commission, recognizing its role as a library advocate and the political necessity of strong library advocacy, expects continued cooperation among the library leadership in our state.
6. Concerned for the needs of library service to patrons in institutions, the Commission intends to implement recommendations of the Advisory Council regarding service to institutions.
7. The Commission supports state aid for libraries and will work for its enactment in the 1989 session.
8. The Commission believes good school libraries and media centers are fundamental in educating Montana students at all levels. Good school libraries must be at the heart of the instructional program. We support strong accreditation standards as necessary to ensure strong school libraries.

The Commission reaffirms the importance of free and equal access of information and sharing of resources. Because of current economic conditions, the Commission cannot pursue all goals for library service. However, we encourage libraries' initiatives in these areas: literacy

collection development and management, support for a White House Conference on Library and Information Services Task Force, multi-type cooperation, library advocacy and interlibrary loan service.

People love libraries. Nothing in the community serves so many in such a positive way. While libraries are facing budget cuts and reorganization of services, we recognize that we have a professional and ethical obligation to ask for the resources we need to provide adequate library service to the patrons we serve.*

Libraries of the future will build on the best of the past and take advantage of the political and technological opportunities of the present to create a future in which libraries provide the information and knowledge that encourages people to search for wisdom.*

* With thanks to Marilyn Gell Mason for Forecast #9 in "The Future of the Public Library", Library Journal, September 1, 1985, p. 139.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER

- 9 - 11 Governor's Conference on Aging, U of M, Missoula
- 11 - 13 Cultural Congress for Montana, Billings
- 18 - 20 Academic/Special Libraries Division Retreat, Chico Hot Spr.
- 23 - 26 Mountain Plains Library Association, Bismarck, North Dakota
- 25 - 26 School Media Retreat, Eastern Retreat, Medora, ND

OCTOBER

- 2 MLA Board Meeting, Bozeman
- 2 - 3 School Media Retreat, Western Retreat, Sula, MT
- 5 MLA Continuing Education Committee, Helena
- 6 Literacy Workshop, Parmly Billings Library, Billings
- 8 Montana MLA users Group Meeting, Helena
- 14 Montana State Library Commission, Roundup
- 16 - 17 School Media Retreat, Central Retreat, Red Lodge
- 17 - 19 Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Columbus, Ohio
- 23 - 24 Public Library Retreat, Helena (Coach House East)
- 24 - 27 Public Library Development Program Workshop, sponsored
by Western Council of State Librarians, Boise, Idaho
- 27 - 28 ICLIS Project Management Board, Helena
- 30 - 31 Public Library Retreat, Miles City (Custer's Inn)

NOVEMBER

- 3 Montana Library Services Advisory Council
- 5 Statewide Continuing Education Committee, Helena
- 16 - 22 Children's Book Week - Theme: "Change Your Mind"
(An illustrated brochure of Book Week materials with
price and discount information is available from the
Children's Book Council for a \$.22 stamped, self-
addressed envelope.)
- 22 - 24 Western Council of State Librarians, Hawaii

DECEMBER

- 9 Montana State Library Commission, Helena

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JANUARY

- 9 - 14 Midwinter ALA, San Antonio
- 21 Advisory Council Meeting, Bozeman
- 22 MLA Board Meeting, Bozeman
- 27-28 ICLIS Project Management Board Meeting, Helena

PLEASE NOTIFY THE STATE LIBRARY OF ANY EVENTS WHICH YOU
WISH TO PUT ON THIS CALENDAR

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